

part of his family's grocery store as a butcher and where he found the love of his life, Anna.

Donald's love for family extended to a global level where he decided to serve for people around him. In 1945, Donald joined the Merchant Marines. In 1946, he was drafted into the Army, and while stationed in Berlin, he joined the marching band, where they performed for all U.S. dignitaries and service personnel. In 1951, he joined the Navy Reserves where he was discharged in 1955.

Donald was an outstanding talent in the kitchen. Using his family recipes that were brought over from the Calabrese region of Italy, he began to make their special family sausages in 1944. Saladinos Catering was created with Anna by his side working just as much as Donald did. He connected with the San Joaquin Valley through his dishes and by providing employment for students from his local high school, San Joaquin Memorial. In 1980, his son Craig, joined the family business and to this day, Saladino's Foodservice has continued to have the same quality and standards set forth by its founders.

Donald spent his time donating to various charities, organizations, and philanthropic purposes. Amongst spending quality time with his wife, he enjoyed several activities with his family and close friends. Donald had many memories in the kitchen and creating dishes for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ranging from hosting parties, catering events, traveling and exploring the world with Anna and their close cousins. He loved his family and his two children. Donald always reminded his family to never forget where they came from and how important it was to have strong values, ethics and wisdom. He spent his entire life fulfilling his family traditions of providing for his family through food, well into the last weeks of his life.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Donald F. Saladino. His service and contributions will be missed. I join his family and friends in celebrating Donald's life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 193, YEA on Roll Call No. 194, NAY on Roll Call No. 195, and NAY on Roll Call No. 196.

REMEMBERING RICHARD ADAM STOMBRES

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD the following obituary for Richard Adam Stombres.

Richard Adam Stombres
September 24, 1936–June 19, 2021

It is with a heavy heart that we announce that Richard A. Stombres passed away at Banner Desert Medical Center in Mesa, Arizona on June 19, 2021. He was born on September 24, 1936 in Aurora, Illinois to Adam H. Stombres and Frances May Jeffers Stombres.

The Stombres family, including Richard and his younger brother Don, moved from Illinois to Phoenix in 1946. His youngest brother Glenn and his sister Patrice were both born in Phoenix. Richard graduated from West High School in 1954. He attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, Arizona State University, and Boston University where he earned a Bachelor's and a Master's degree. While he would live in many places throughout his life, he always considered Arizona to be his home.

Richard joined the Army in 1961 and faithfully served his country for 28 years as an Infantry Officer. He was a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Ranger School, the Airborne Course, the Pathfinder Course, the Marine Amphibious Warfare School, and the Command and General Staff College.

Lieutenant Stombres was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky when he met Vickie M. Hayes from Clarksville, Tennessee. They were married at Fort Campbell in 1961. Lieutenant Stombres was sent to Vietnam in 1963 where he served as a Military Advisor to the Army of the Republic of Vietnam until July of 1964 when he was wounded in action. He would go on to serve a second tour in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 where he was attached to the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV).

Upon his return from Vietnam, Richard was stationed at numerous bases around the world including Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Benning, Georgia; Fort Ord, California; Frankfurt, Germany; the Pentagon; and AFCENT HQ in Brunssum, the Netherlands. Dick and Vickie's two boys, Richard and Steven were born in 1969 and 1970 when then-Major Stombres was serving in the Army's Old Guard and stationed at Fort Myer, Virginia.

Richard was the recipient of the Bronze Star medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Vietnam Service Medal with 5 Service Stars, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation, the Ranger Tab, the Airborne Badge, and numerous other ribbons and decorations.

Richard married Joan Giambruno of Glen Cove, New York in March of 1984. After retiring from the Army, Richard was able to work in the furniture business with his brother Don. He also indulged the other passion of his life, teaching. He and Joan lived in West Hartford Connecticut; Seal Beach, California; Havre-de-Grace, Maryland, and Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Richard eventually returned home to Arizona. In 2012, Richard married Nancy Huemoeller of Lanesboro, Pennsylvania who described him as "The Best Husband in the World." They lived in Mesa, Arizona where they were active members of the Central Christian Church of Arizona. Richard and Nancy loved to go dancing, travel, and visit family.

Richard was preceded in death by his father Adam, his mother Frances, his brother Glenn, and his wife Nancy.

Richard is survived by his son Richard, Jr. (Heather) Stombres of Fairfax, Virginia; his son Steven (Kristen) Stombres of Fairfax, Virginia; his brother Donald (Grace) Stombres of Scottsdale, Arizona; his sister Patrice Babcock of Moorpark, California, and his grandchildren Katherine Stombres, Elaine Stombres, Abigail Stombres, Samuel Stombres, and James Stombres of Fairfax, Virginia.

Richard lived a long and wonderful life full of love and laughter. He was a devout Christian, faithful servant to his country, a loving husband, a caring brother, and wonderful father. We will miss you every day.

Condolences may be left on Richard A. Stombres online guest book at www.sonoranskiesmortuaryaz.com.

16TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to law enforcement men and women who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

Law enforcement is a demanding profession that requires sacrifice, courage and a dedication to serve others. Every day, brave men and women put themselves in harm's way to enforce the laws of our society and protect public safety. They deserve our gratitude and respect.

Eleven years ago, I established the 16th District Congressional Law Enforcement Awards, CLEA, to give special recognition to law enforcement officers, departments or units for exceptional achievement.

This year, I will present congressional law enforcement awards to the following winners chosen by an independent panel comprised of current and retired law enforcement personnel representing a cross-section of the district's law enforcement community:

Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award: Sergeant Aaron Bowling, and Detectives Tyler Ackerman and John Jones, Jr., of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Associate Service Award: Director Matoaya Wimbley of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

Dedication and Professionalism Award: Corporal Christopher P. Slowick of the Florida Highway Patrol; Sergeant Dino Murges, Detectives Derek Pollock and Raymond Richter of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office; Assistant State Attorneys Dawn Buff and Courtney Hollen of the 12th Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office; Lieutenants Adam Kaskey and Jamesa Tose, Sergeants Don Bennett, Sam Lutz and Ray White, Deputies John Albee, Mark Eve, Wida Law, Phil Lucia, Grace Luh, Dean Pappas, Teodora Perez, Luis Reyes, Neftali Santos, Daniel Schenck, Rod Stewart, Deb Stookey, Mark Truskowski, Ray Vlek and John Wenzel, Civilian Lou Wolf, Detectives Hayden Gallof and Brendan Keats, Chief Pilot Brent Wineka, Pilots David Bouffard, Chirs Laster and Stephen Shull (posthumous), Mechanics Arthur Grassia and Douglas Wenz, and Radio Technician Steve Duza of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office.

Gary Tibbetts Career Service Award: Detective Eddie Howell of the Sarasota Police Department; Manager Valorie Knight of the Bradenton Police Department; Major Daniel Kaufman of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office; Joseph (Chris) Panichello of the Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority.

Preservation of Life Award: Officers Paul Gagnon, Jared Lawhead, David Roberts and Cody Stanaland of the Sarasota Police Department; Sergeant Keith Noordzy, Deputies Keith English, Tyler Lewis, Donald Mays, Jacob Merrill, Deborah Perry, Jonathan Rubi, Todd Seillitto and Patti Smith of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.